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Report Highlights:

The Eurasian Economic Commission (EEC), the regulatory body of the Russia-Kazakhstan-Belarus Customs Union (CU), published two draft documents amending 1) CU Commission Decision No. 721 to include language on when it may introduce or maintain sanitary, veterinary, or phytosanitary measures which ensure a higher level of protection than those established by the relevant international standards, guidelines or recommendations (notified to the WTO as G/SPS/N/RUS/31), and 2) a List of Infectious (Parasitic) Diseases Requiring Measures for Sanitary Protection of the Customs Territory of the Customs Union. There is a 60-day EEC public comment period, starting August 22, 2013, and ending October 21, 2013. Interested U.S. parties are encouraged to share their comments and concerns with USDA's enquiry point (us.spsenquiry@fas.usda.gov).

General Information

The Eurasian Economic Commission (EEC), which is the regulatory body of the Russia-Kazakhstan-Belarus Customs Union (CU), published the following two draft documents amending its decision on the application of international standards, guidelines and manuals and the List of Infectious (Parasitic) Diseases Requiring Measures for Sanitary Protection of the Customs Territory of the Customs Union on its website:

- [On Amendments to Customs Union Commission Decision No. 721 of June 22, 2011](#)
(Please disregard the EEC popup window asking for password by pressing cancel or close the window)
- [On the Introduction of Amendments and Additions to the List of Infectious \(Parasitic\) Diseases Requiring Measures for Sanitary Protection of the Customs Territory of the Customs Union](#)

Unofficial English translations of the above draft documents can be found below. There is a 60-day public comment period, starting August 22, 2013, and ending October 21, 2013. Interested U.S. parties are encouraged to share their comments and concerns with USDA's enquiry point (IRSD@fas.usda.gov). USDA, in turn, will share collected comments/concerns with the Eurasian Economic Commission.

NOTE: As of the date of the publication of this report, only the amendment to CU Commission Decision No. 721 has been notified to the World Trade Organization (see [G/SPS/N/RUS/31](#) of August 29, 2013, with a 60-day period for comments, which ends on October 28, 2013). This comment period is separate from that of the EEC's which ends one week earlier.

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DECISION

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On Amendments to Customs Union Commission Decision No. 721 of June 22, 2011

The Collegium of the Eurasian Economic Commission **has decided:**

1. Item two shall read as follows:

“The Parties may introduce or maintain in force sanitary, veterinary (veterinary and sanitary) or phytosanitary measures, which ensure a higher level of protection than the measures on the basis of the relevant international standards, guidelines or recommendations, if there is proper scientific evidence or if the Parties determine that this level of sanitary, veterinary (veterinary and sanitary) or phytosanitary protection is appropriate according to the provisions of the World Trade Organization Agreement on the Application of Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures.”.

2. The present Decision shall come into force 30 days after its official publication.

Chairman
Of the Eurasian Economic Commission

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COUNCIL**

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**On the Introduction of Amendments and Additions to the List of Infectious (Parasitic) Diseases
Requiring Measures for Sanitary Protection of the Customs Territory of the Customs Union**

In accordance with Article 3 of the Agreement on the Eurasian Economic Commission of November 18, 2011, the Council of the Eurasian Economic Commission **has resolved:**

1. To amend the List of Infectious (Parasitic) Diseases Requiring Measures for Sanitary Protection of the Customs Territory of the Customs Union, (Annex No. 2 to the Regulation on the Procedure of the State Sanitary and Epidemiologic Supervision (Control) over Persons and Vehicles, Crossing the Customs Border of the Customs Union; Controlled Goods, Moved through the Customs Border of the Customs Union and on the Customs Territory of the Customs Union, approved by Decision of the Customs Union Commission No. 299 of May 28, 2010), as follows:

a) to supplement column 3 “ICD-10 Code” for line 19 “Tuberculosis” with code A15.0, A15.1., A15.2, A15.3, A15.4., A15.5, A15.6, A15.7, A15.8, A15.9;

b) in column 3 “ICD-10 Code” for line 20 “Glanders” to replace with words “A24.0, A24.1., A24.2, A24.3., A24.4” with the words “A24.0”;

c) in column 3 “ICD-10 Code” for line 21 “Meliodosis” to delete the words “A24.0.”

2. The present Decision shall come into force 30 days after its official publication.

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